it would be an injudicious appointment. Allen or Tong or some other would do better. I have no sectarian feelings I assure you; but L.B. is a new seceder from error, though I trust a true man; & many would have their doubts as to his prudence. Can nothing be done by conference? Would it not be well to try it? When the C party find that you are in earnest, I think they would offer some conciliatory propositions. If it should be deemed expedient to defer the subject, & a committee of conference should be judged proper, & I could be of any service in healing difficulties, I should be willing to make a journey to B, or Worcester, or any other place. I throw out these hints — You are on the spot & can judge better than I can. I trust the Lord will direct you in the right path. To him let us all look for grace to help in time of need

Yours very affectionately

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Brother Phelps

I had hoped, until lately, to have been with you at the anniversaries in Boston. But I must relinquish the subject. I wish to say a word as to the contemplated new organization. Is it best, all things considered, to effect it at this time? I do not know but it is, & I shall come into it, if it is done. But I think G & his friends are distracted in view of it, & that they would concede something to prevent it. I talked freely with some of the leading men in G ranks, & I think they wish to go on together in the cause. If they are resolved to pursue their course, & not those who differ from them in the harsh & contemptuous manner they have done, & put every thing into the cause which suits their caprice, why then I say let them go & refrain from them. Saint Clair is fitted for a division. I do not exactly like his spirit — not so well as I do yours — He wishes to be general agent in the new corps. But (I say it strictly confidentially) I fear